Scene Modeling Photometry

- Holtzman et al. (2008)
- Default PHOTO processing produces "corrected" frames (fpC files). Bias-subtracted, flat-fielded, astrometry, bad pixel flags, determine PSF.
- Uses the Ivezic et al. (2007) star catalog for relative photometric calibration. Determine zeropoints of each frame. Scatter around the best fit provides photometry uncertainty floor.
- Apply absolute flux calibration refinement (AB offsets) derived from white dwarfs and solar analogs.

Flux extraction technique

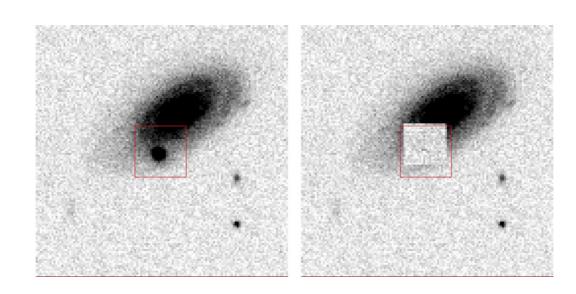
- No resampling of images. No PSF degradation.
- Take 2048x1024 pixel section centered on the SN candidate.
 - Determine background in 25 subsections (5x5) and fit a slowly-varying function.
 - Determine spatially-varying PSF using DAOPHOT.
 - Model the calibration stars and SN+galaxy as:

$$M(x, y) = \text{sky}(x, y) + S \left(\sum_{\text{stars}} I_{\text{star}} PSF(x - x_{\text{star}}, y - y_{\text{star}}) + I_{\text{SN}} PSF(x - x_{\text{SN}}, y - y_{\text{SN}}) + \sum_{x_g, y_g} \mathcal{G}(x_g, y_g) PSF(x - x_g, y - y_g) \right),$$
(1)
$$\text{galaxy pixel model}$$

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And minimize: $\chi^2 = \sum_{xy} \frac{(O(x, y) - M(x, y))^2}{(M(x, y)/G + (\frac{\sigma_{rn}^2}{G^2}))} \leftarrow \text{read noise}$

Fit all frames and bands simultaneously. Galaxy model is constant in time in a given band. SN is fixed in position, but flux is allowed to vary.



Code performs better with more pre-SN images.

Tests

- Stellar photometry -- fit field stars as if they are hostless SN.
- Pre-SN measurements ---
- Fake SN ---